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MANAGEMENT AND LEADERSHIP



Environmental Team

Hitachi Consulting (HCC) is a management consulting firm headquartered in Dallas, TX. The HCC Mid-Atlantic office is home to the Environmental Sustainability Solutions practice (formerly PRIZIM, Inc.), which provides environmental and energy management services. HCC Mid-Atlantic's environmental efforts are spearheaded by the Hitachi Consulting Mid-Atlantic Environmental Management System (HCC-MEMS) Committee. The HCC-MEMS Committee is responsible for overseeing HCC Mid-Atlantic's environmental management system (EMS) and acting as a liaison between employees and management when addressing identified and potential impacts.



Environmental Policy Statement

Hitachi Consulting Corporation (HCC), a global professional services firm, regards environmental stewardship as an important corporate value. The Mid-Atlantic Region of HCC recognizes its corporate responsibilities by considering the environmental impact of its business travel, operations, and material, supply, and service purchases and taking responsible steps to minimize or prevent environmental impacts. The HCC – Mid-Atlantic Region will maintain compliance with applicable environmental laws, regulations and other requirements, and conduct operations and business services in a manner designed to provide the highest quality services while protecting the environment and the people who live and work in that environment. The HCC – Mid-Atlantic Region will also strive to support the environmental and sustainability initiatives and goals of Hitachi, Ltd., and the HCC-wide Environmental Management System.

HCC – MidAtlantic is dedicated to continually improving its Environmental Management System to meet established objectives and targets. Full implementation of this policy is a management commitment and the responsibility of every employee.



Annual Goals

The HCC-MEMS Committee reviews HCC Mid-Atlantic's EMS annually and presents findings to management during the last quarter of the year. Currently, HCC Mid-Atlantic is focusing on integrating our EMS into Hitachi Consulting's global business structure, improving GHG quantification, and pursuing IT opportunities for energy efficiency in all offices world-wide. HCC Mid-Atlantic recognizes climate change as a significant impact and is dedicated to reducing this impact.



Environmentally Preferable Procurement

As part of HCC Mid-Atlantic's culture, it is understood among employees that environmentally preferable products should be researched prior to purchasing any item. To reinforce this, HCC Mid-Atlantic has an Environmental Work Instruction (EWI) which explains to employees that preference should be given to products that meet or exceed the EPA's Comprehensive Procurement Guidelines (CPG). The primary purchaser at HCC Mid-Atlantic is familiar with the CPG and takes it into consideration before making purchases.



Environmentally Preferable Products and Services

Hitachi Consulting - Environmental Sustainability and Solutions is an energy and environmental services practice that helps organizations achieve their mission with results that are timely, objective, reliable, necessary and sustainable. As a consulting firm, the primary "products" resulting from our services are electronic and paper based. Employees are encouraged to review draft documents in electronic form and print as little as possible. Paper is reused as scrap paper or recycled. At times, HCC staff are required to visit client sites. When this happens, employees consider means of travel and itinerary that least impact the environment.



Environmental Restoration or Community Environmental Projects

HCC Mid-Atlantic staff have represented the company at a number of recent community events including attending a tidal basin cleanup during Washington, DC's Cherry Blossom Festival. Furthermore, we recently donated a large amount of furniture to help support small businesses in MD. In the past, HCC Mid-Atlantic Staff (formerly PRIZIM, Inc.) have also helped the community through educating the community about waste diversion at the D.C. Green Festival and participating in a school greening project at a local elementary school.



Independently-Audited Environmental Management System

In January of 2014, HCC Mid-Atlantic was independently audited against the ISO 14001 standard and then ISO certified by April of that year. HCC maintains ISO certification by undergoing a third-party audit each year. The certification and annual audits ensure that the Mid-Atlantic EMS stays conformant with the ISO standard, and that we continually improve the company's environmental performance.

WASTE



Solid Waste/Material Use Reduction and Reuse

HCC Mid-Atlantic is a member of EPA's WasteWise Program which requires annual reporting of data related to generation of garbage and recycling rates. As mentioned above, we strive to reduce paper use by printing as little as possible and using scrap paper. HCC Mid-Atlantic also employs a number of waste-reducing practices such as providing ultra-purified water for its employees and visitors to eliminate the need for disposable plastic bottles, and fresh fruit for snacks, limiting packaged material.



Recycling

HCC Mid-Atlantic is fortunate to be located in a county that makes recycling very easy (Montgomery Co.). Our company recycles aluminum, tin, plastics, glass, newspaper, magazines, cardboard, office paper, unwanted mail, batteries, computers, monitors, and various other electronics. During 2013, HCC Mid-Atlantic Offices recycled 2,443 pounds of materials (including comingled bottles and cans, paper and cardboard).

Furthermore, HCC has begun an initiative to implement a teracycle program for candy wrappers at its new Rockville, MD office, and aspires to become a zero-waste office.

ENERGY



Energy Efficiency

HCC Mid-Atlantic has conducted an internal energy audit and identified opportunities for energy and cost savings. Energy conservation measures have been implemented in the HCC Mid-Atlantic office, including, teleconferencing, teleworking, Energy Star products, automatic temperature controls, and water-saving features.

TRANSPORTATION

☒ **Employee Commute**

HCC Mid-Atlantic offers employees the opportunity to work a flexible schedule to reduce environmental impacts due to commuting. The HCC Mid-Atlantic office is located just steps away from a DC Metro and Amtrak station, as well as a Montgomery County bus stop.

☒ **Efficient Business Travel**

HCC Mid-Atlantic tries to minimize travel where possible when assigning staff to projects. One of HCC Mid-Atlantic's EMS objectives is to better understand the impact of our air travel and consider options for reducing that impact. An environmental work instruction (EWI) has been developed to explain to employees what travel options are less impacting and potentially better for the environment.

WATER

☒ **Water Conservation**

The HCC Mid-Atlantic Region promotes water conservation wherever possible, and has implemented conservation measures in its new office space in Rockville, MD (e.g. implemented dishwasher procedures to ensure it is only run when full).

☐ **Stormwater Management and Site Design**

As a building tenant, we have advised the building owner on stormwater retention and reuse opportunities.

GREEN BUILDING

- ☐ *The HCC Mid-Atlantic Office is a model of environmental design and function which include: recycled and reused furnishings, energy efficient (e.g. CFL) and natural day lighting, recycled office supplies (e.g. paper, inks, pens, clips, scissors), reused or sustainably harvested kitchen supplies, organic and natural cleaning supplies, and recycled artwork and displays. The building is also transportation-friendly, offering modes alternative to single-rider vehicles, including the DC Metro, Amtrak and Montgomery County bus.*

OTHER

- ☒ *HCC Mid-Atlantic is continually recognized for environmental leadership in the community. For each of the past several years, the company was honored with a Gaithersburg Environmental Award and the Alliance for Workplace Excellence's EcoLeadership Award.*

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